

THE DISCIPLE

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Prayer Requests

Members:

Pastor Libby
Marilyn Jordan
Pam Jackson

Farmers & those associated with harvest

Vaction Bible School Kids & Volunteers

Friends & Family

Armed Forces:

We pray for those who are serving in the armed forces and for their families.

Our Government:

Local and across the United States.

*The Lord
watch between me
and thee, when we are
absent one from another.*
Genesis 31:49



Patsy's Sunglasses

When I see Patsy Barlow, not only do I notice her warm smile and big heart, I also look to see which pair of great sunglasses she has on for the day.

She started her collection last year after admiring a pair of butterfly sunglasses that her niece Lisa was wearing down in Florida. Lisa was thoughtful and bought Patsy the same sunglasses, in BOTH colors available. From there, Patsy would pick up pairs of fun shades whenever she saw them. Her amazing red pair came from Harvey Drugs, she finds fun ones at West's Countrymart, and others she gets from Amazon.

She currently has 13 pairs of sunnies, at least she did at the time I interviewed her, and it may have grown since then! She says her daughters do not like the butterfly ones, but her grandkids, ages 18-24 do not seem to mind at all.

I asked her if she currently had any other collections. She collects plants and flowers and is remodeling her kitchen right now so her collection of Highland Cows is also growing.

Patsy attends 10:30 Service with her husband Jim.

“What ever catches my eye” -
Patsy Barlow

A Word From Pastor Libby



Friends,

As we step into June, we walk deeper into the season of Pentecost, remembering the powerful experience of the Holy Spirit coming upon the people. On that holy day, the followers of Jesus were gathered together, waiting, praying, and trusting God's promise. Then the Spirit of God came with power—like a rushing wind, like tongues of fire, like breath filling dry lungs with new life. They began to live with courage, from the heart. What had once been uncertainty became a bold service and witness. What had once been a quiet upper room became the birthplace of a living, Spirit-filled Church. Pentecost reminds us that God does not leave God's people alone. God comes near. God fills. God empowers. God sends.

The same Holy Spirit is at work today, living, moving, and being among and within us. The Spirit still comforts weary hearts, still softens hardened places within us, still convicts, still heals, still teaches, and still leads the people of God into truth. In a season when life can become busy and scattered, Pentecost calls us to be centered again in the presence of the Lord. Perhaps some of us need renewal. Perhaps some are praying for strength to keep going, wisdom for a decision, peace amid worry, or courage to take the next faithful step. Pentecost assures us that the Lord is not distant from those needs. By the Spirit we are often met in quiet ways and sometimes in surprising ones, always with perfect love and holy purpose.

Pentecost also reminds us that the Church was never meant to be a collection of isolated believers, but a people gathered and sent by God. In Acts 2, people from many places and backgrounds heard the mighty works of God proclaimed in ways they could understand. From the very beginning, the Spirit's work was not about division, but about drawing people together in Christ. What a needed reminder for us today. The Spirit creates unity without erasing our uniqueness. He binds us together in love, gives gifts for the good of the body, and teaches us how to serve one another with humility and joy. As your pastor, I pray that our congregation will be marked by this kind of Spirit-filled life—that we would be a people of prayer, a people of peace, a people of compassion, and a people unafraid to speak the hope of Jesus into a world that is longing for grace.

So, friends, let us pray for fresh faith and fresh openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. May the Spirit breathe new life into every tired soul, rekindle joy where it has grown dim, and awaken in us a deeper love for God and for one another. May this June be a month in which we listen more carefully, love boldly, serve more joyfully, and lead courageously. And may the Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us—shaping us, sending us, and reminding us that the Lord is still building our Church through power, mercy, and grace.

+Grace and Peace,
Pastor Libby



Wendy Robinson
Director of Children & Youth Ministries



Join Wendy and her crew every **WEDNESDAY** in **JUNE** for Vacation Bible School. Grades K-5
June 3, 10, 17, & 24
3:00-5:30 p.m. in Peatling Hall.

The Youth enjoyed pizza in the park and then the AHS band concert on 5/6.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 6/2 Velda Becker
- 6/5 Clark Williamson
- 6/6 Tucker Robinson
- 6/12 Wendy Robinson
- 6/14 Norris Marshall
- 6/16 Ann Manning
- 6/20 Heather Adams
- 6/21 Danny Robinson
- 6/23 Diane Wyatt
- 6/24 Paul Lehman
- 6/27 Michael Linenberger
- 6/28 Jennie Lipson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

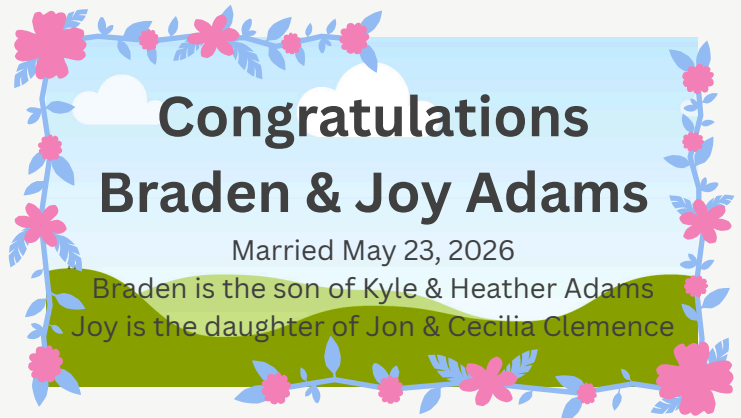


- 6/1/1996 Kyle & Heather Adams
- 6/2/1967 Chuck & Sandy Zernickow
- 6/6/1995 Jim & Patsy Barlow
- 6/10/1972 Tom & Jacquie Saffell
- 6/14/1968 Rick & Marcia Williamson
- 6/17/1976 Don & Mary Rickley
- 6/18/1977 Loren & Anna Gugler
- 6/24/2006 Michael & Jamie Linenberger

Congratulations Braden & Joy Adams

Married May 23, 2026

Braden is the son of Kyle & Heather Adams
Joy is the daughter of Jon & Cecilia Clemence





FROM THE ARCHIVES

If you have been in the office lately, you may have noticed the addition of the small bench next to Chris' office door. A few weeks ago we had a visitor that had a story to tell about that bench...

In the early 90's I was hired along with Floyd Facklam to keep the church clean and organized & set up for events. While cleaning in the sanctuary one morning (I was also breakfast cook at Garfield School) Richard Reitz entered the sanctuary and motioned me to follow him. He had a serious personality and I assumed I had done something wrong and was about to learn what that was! I followed him outside, to my surprise...he had a pew from the old sanctuary, and it was mine if I wanted it. I think he knew my appreciation for antiques and history. It needed some work, so I refinished it and has been a treasure in my home for over 30 years. It sat in the parlor of our 1909 historical home for many of those years.

Not sure why Mr. Reitz thought my family would be its caretaker but am thankful for his kindness and would like to re gift it back to its place of origin. I believe it is solid oak. The carvings on the side are beautiful and the woodgrain is so pretty.

Hoping it finds a place where it can be enjoyed for many more years. My only regret is not having the opportunity to see the old sanctuary in its grandeur. It must have been amazing.

Karen Kellogg

APRIL GIVING

\$18,458.28

Expenses

\$ 33,369.90

YTD Giving

\$85,794.79

YTD Expenses

\$ 112,373.89

For a list of ways to give, visit our
website

www.abilenefirstumc.org

Click on the GIVING tab at the top.

Did You Know?

We have medical equipment that is available to the community to borrow. Visit with the office if you have any questions.

Summer is always a busy time for the

The Little Free Pantry.

Thank you for your continued support.

JUNE AT ABILENE FUMC

Monday, June 1 5:30 Worship Design Mtg.
 5:30 Core Meeting
 6:30 Women's AA/NA Mtg.

Tues, June 2 10:00 Exercise Group

Wed, June 3 10:00 Staff Meeting
 3:30 Vacation Bible School
 5:00 Missions & Outreach Mtg.

Thurs, June 4 9:30 EOTT Guild Hospice

Friday, June 5 **Office Closed**

Saturday, June 6

Sunday, June 7 8:15 Worship Service
 9:20 Small Groups
 10:30 Worship Service

Monday, June 8 5:30 Core Meeting
 6:30 Women's AA/NA Meeting

Tues, June 9 10:00 Exercise Group

Wed, June 10 9:30 Cancer Support Group
 3:30 Vacation Bible School

Thurs, June 11 4:30 Kids in Crisis Mtg.
 5:30 Blockheads Quilters Group

Friday, June 12 **Office Closed**

Saturday, June 13 Eckman/Carr Family Reunion

Sunday, June 14 **Flag Day**
 8:15 Worship Service
 9:20 Small Groups
 10:30 Worship Service

Monday, June 15 5:30 Core Meeting
 6:30 Church Council Mtg.
 6:30 Women's AA/NA Mtg.

Tues, June 16 10:00 Exercise Group

Wed, June 17 10:00 Staff Meeting
 12:45 United Women in Faith
 3:30 Vacation Bible School

Thurs, June 18 6:30 SPRC Meeting

Friday, June 19 **Office Closed**

Saturday, June 20 **First Day of Summer**

Sunday, June 21 **Father's Day**
 8:15 Worship Service
 9:20 Small Groups
 10:30 Worship Service

Monday, June 22 5:30 Core Meeting
 6:30 Women's AA/NA Mtg.

Tuesday, June 23 10:00 Exercise Group
 7:00 EOTT Quilt Guild

Wed, June 24 3:30 Vacation Bible School

Thurs, June 25

Friday, June 26 **Office Closed**

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28 8:15 Worship Service
 9:20 Small Groups
 10:30 Worship Service

Monday, June 29 5:30 Core Meeting
 6:30 Women's AA/NA Meeting

Tues, June 30 10:00 Exercise Group

With busy summer schedules, don't forget
 your summer giving.





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In-Person Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.

In-Person, Radio, Facebook Worship 10:30 a.m.

KABI 1560AM or 95.9FM

Church Staff

Rev. Libby Themis, Pastor

Wendy Robinson, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Clark Williamson, Director of Music Ministry

Cecilia Clemence, Treasurer

Chris Seets, Administrative Assistant

Darrol Dunham, Director of Maintaning the Church

Church office hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM